GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2355
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2005
RAILWAY NETWORK IN KARNATAKA
Ananth Kumar Shri

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the Union Government with the Government of Karnataka for improving the Railways network in the State;

(b) the details of the projects to be executed under this arrangement and the status of the same; and

(c) the details of funds released by both the Governments for the projects to be executed under MoU?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2355 BY SHRI ANANTH KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2005 REGARDING RAILWAY NETWORK IN KARNATAKA

(a): Yes, Sir. An Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with the Government of Karnataka for formation of a Joint Venture for expediting project development by resorting to resource mobilization; securing traffic guarantees; securing the involvement of strategic partners in project funding, etc. for speedy implementation of the following rail infrastructure projects-

(1) Hubli-Ankola new line,

(2) Solapur-Gadag gauge conversion,

(3) Hassan-Mangalore gauge conversion and (4) Guntakal-Hospet doubling. Ministry of Railways and Government of Karnataka have already converted this MoU into a Joint Venture Company called Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE) in 2002.

(b)&(c):

Project	Cost	Funds released by Railway (Rs. in crores)	Funds released By State Government	Status
Hubli-Ankola new line	997.58	28.26	Not Applicable	Earthwork and bridge works are in progress in 33 kms on Hubli-Kirvatti section. Land acquisition for remaining length of this section has been taken up. Proposal for diversion of forest land for this project has been taken up with the State Govt. There is no cost sharing arrangements with state Government till now.

Solapur-Gadag gauge conversion	318.66	118.25	69	On this project, gauge conversion of Solapur-Bijapur (110 kms) has already been completed and commissioned. The balance work i.e. gauge conversion of Bijapur-Gadag (190 kms) is being executed on cost sharing basis (50:50) with the Government of Karnataka. On Bijapur-Basavanabagewadi (45 kms) track linking has been completed. Work on the balance section has also been taken up.	
Hassan-Mangalore gauge conversion	357.43	45 (equity) (For Arsikere + 141(sub-ordinated debt)	45	Work completed by Hassan Manglore Rail Development Company Limited. State Government and Railways have paid their respective shares in full.	
Guntakal-Hospet doubling	227	171 (RVNL)	Not Appli-cable	Doubling of Tornagallu-Hospet and track linking on Guntakal-Hagari has been completed. Work on Hagari-Bellary (14 kms) and Bellary-Tornagallu is targeted for completion during 2005-06. This work is under implementation by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited, (RVNL). There is no cost sharing arrangements with State Government.	